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## 'Bye Bye, Birdie' to open soon

"This is so much fun! I wish I would have tried out before my senior year!" Lori Mains had that reaction to the auditions for Central's autumn musical **Bye Bye, Birdie**.

Auditions for the musical were held on the week of September 14-18. The tryouts were open to all students and approximately 130 nervous auditionees attempted to be cast in the show according to music director Mr. Robert McMeen.

**Bye Bye, Birdie** was cast on Wednesday, September 23 after two days of deliberation between Mr. Robert McMeen, Mrs. Pegi Stommes, and Miss Wendy Larsen. "It was hard to cast even the chorus," admitted Mr. McMeen.

The cast consists of 68 members including Rob Rose as Albert Petersen, Marsha Rupe as Rosie Alvarez, Jennelle Davidson as Mae Petersen, John Bradley as Conrad Birdie, Holly Zerse as Kim MacAfee, Bob McMeen as Hugo Peabody, Debra Peirce as Mrs. MacAfee, Scott Rosenbaum as Mr. MacAfee, and Erin Keenan, Kathy Kennedy, and Wendy Weiner are Student Directors. It will be shown November 13 and 14 at 8:00 p.m. and November 15 at 3:00 p.m.

The turnout was so large that auditions were extended an extra day so the auditions would not last until eight or nine in the evening. Call-backs, auditions for people who would be considered for the larger parts in the musical, were moved from Friday, September 18, to Monday, September 21.

**Bye Bye, Birdie** is a musical comedy about an Elvis-type singer who has been drafted into the army. As a promotional gimmick, his manager plans to have him sing the song "One Last Kiss" and give his last kiss to a member of the singer's fan club, before he leaves for the army.

A tryout workshop was held on Tuesday, September 8, for students who planned to try out for the musical. There, Mr. Mc-

Meen, Mrs. Stommes, and Miss Larsen told interested students what each of them looked for in an audition.

On Monday, September 14 the dance auditions were held. Miss Larsen, a member of the Omaha Ballet, returned as the choreographer of the musical this year.

Students at the dance tryouts wore every combination of clothes from leotards and tights to jeans and T-shirts. Miss Larsen slowly taught each dance to the students. Then the auditionees danced on the stage in groups of eight.

Three types of dances were taught. A Spanish dance was done by the girls, a rock-and-roll dance was acted out by the boys, and everyone did a dance to "Put on a Happy Face."

Dancing was a new experience for some of the auditionees. "I'd never danced before in my life," said sophomore Bruce Lockwood. Steve Fauglid, a junior, thought the dancing was fun because "I wasn't the only one who couldn't do it." Senior Scott Rosenbaum had a different opinion. "I don't dance, so it doesn't matter," he said. "I just go in and have a good time."

The singing audition involved each student singing a prepared solo in front of Mr. McMeen, Mrs. Stommes, Miss Larsen, and Mrs. Patricia Allender, who played piano for the singers. According to Mr. McMeen, the auditionees usually sang songs from musical comedies and folk songs, although one person sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

When he listened to the singers, Mr. McMeen said he listened for projection, intonation, and expression. He also said that he tried to get singers who were comfortable singing songs that were divided into more than one part.

Most of the auditionees said that they spent the most time preparing for the auditions by working on their songs. Holly Zerse, a senior, explained her

method for choosing a song to sing. "I picked a song that I thought would complement my voice and practiced it."

Rob Rose, also a senior, expressed some anxiety about his audition. "I was really nervous because of the pressure to do good."

Junior Julianne Franklin did not share Rob's worries. "I'll sing in front of anyone," she confessed.

Among the high school students trying out was Dennis McGuire, an eighth grader at Norris Jr. High. Dennis found out from his brother, who also tried out for the musical that there was a part for a preteen boy and decided to try out. He felt that the tryouts were all "easy and fun."

The reading tryouts were done in front of the other auditionees, unlike the singing tryouts. The students were told a little bit about each scene before they read the scene itself. Senior Marsha Rupe found the scripts difficult to understand. The scripts used were known as "asides" meaning that the whole show was not written in each script. Only the parts each character was involved in was written in his script.

The reading audition was the favorite part of the audition processes for junior Bob McMeen. "I like to express myself, to use my imagination," he remarked.

John Bradley, also a junior, had similar feelings. "It (reading) gave me a chance to interpret the characters and see others interpret them."

When asked about the competition in the musical, John said, "Sure I can feel the competition. But you feel competition with everything you do."

Katy Smith, a junior, agreed. "People are all worrying about doing the best they can."

Scott Rosenbaum predicts, "The cast will be a family. They have to work together. It's all energy, pure love, and pure emotion. Nothing comes close to this feeling. You don't want to let anyone down, so you give 125 per cent."



photo by John Gibson

Seen here during the schoolday at CHS, Lisa Walker shows the kind of spirit that won her the 1982 Junior Miss crown.

## Senior Lisa Walker is Omaha's Junior Miss

For the second year in a row, Central High School has provided the winner of the Omaha Junior Miss Pageant. Lisa Walker, 17, was crowned Omaha Junior Miss at the pageant held September 28 at the City Music Hall.

The preparation for the event started about one week before the final pageant. The girls met and started learning choreography and going through full rehearsals for the final event. Lisa explained, "We practiced almost every night, and then all of us modeled at the Regency Fashion Court on Saturday."

Lisa was judged on her grade point average, her goals for the future, the athletics she has been involved in, and the school and community activities in which she had participated.

At CHS Lisa is involved as a member of JCL, Central's golf team, and A Cappella Choir. She is an assistant business manager on the **Register** staff. Besides these activities, she is active at her church.

With only one week to prepare, Lisa felt rushed, but she said that the people running the pageant

were kind and helpful.

Lisa won a \$600 scholarship to Nancy Bounds Modeling Studio. She also won gift certificates from various retailers in Omaha. Along with these prizes she also received a \$250 scholarship to the college of her choice.

Lisa said she has no plans to enter other contests of the same type. However, she stated, "I'm going to finish this pageant through and do the best that I can."

As Omaha Junior Miss, Lisa will now proceed to the state competition in Blair during the first week of December. The winner of the state competition will then go to the national competition in Mobile, Alabama.

Lisa said that "it was a really good pageant, and it made me feel good to know that I accomplished something!"

Last year's winner Anne Conine, a Central graduate, was on hand at the competition to crown Lisa and offer her congratulations. "It would be great if a Central student won again next year!" exclaimed Lisa.

## CHS Homecoming '81:

### 'Oriental paradise' proves successful

The crowning of seniors Larry Station and Holly Zerse as King and Queen, respectively, provided the climax for Central's 1981 Homecoming. A week filled with activities preceded the dance and coronation.

Spirit Week kicked off the festivities, as various groups planned different themes for each day of the week.

The Cheerleaders chose the traditional "Purple and White Day" for Friday. Eagle fans put on their best purple and white clothes in preparation for the game against Tech.

The Eagles improved their record to 4-1 with a tough 13-7 victory over the Tech Trojans. Senior quarterback Pernell Gatson led the Eagle attack by throwing for 165 yards and two touchdowns and rushing for 66 more. Junior Tom Stawniak caught a short pass from Gatson and turned it into a 34-yard touchdown to open scoring in the

second quarter. Tech pulled to within 7-6 by halftime on a long touchdown run.

Central dominated the game during the second half, but numerous penalties and turnovers stopped the Eagles from increasing their lead. Gatson finally iced the win by unloading an 88-yard strike to junior Sonny Jones late in the fourth quarter. Central's defense turned in a stellar performance, limiting the Trojans to 164 yards rushing and only 7 yards through the air.

Saturday night's Homecoming dance proved to be the grand finale for the entire week. The dance was held at the Ramada Inn Airport. The music was provided by Rockin' Horse, a local band including a Central graduate, Glenn Prettyman, among its members.

An Oriental pattern of decoration was chosen for this year's Homecoming. Bowls filled with fortune cookies were placed on each table and decorative

wooden animals hung from the ceiling.

The coronation took place about halfway through the dance. The finalists for Queen were seniors Mary Fisher, Katie Monen, Becky Shaw, Kate Shugrue, Barbara Wright, and Holly Zerse. The King candidates, also all seniors, were Jeff Felici, Pernell Gatson, Marty Johnson, Todd Schuerman, Larry Station, and Dave Van Metre. Honor attendants were chosen in addition to the King and Queen. Todd Schuerman and Katie Monen were the first runners-up, and Dave Van Metre and Barbara Wright were picked as the second runners-up. The royalty was chosen by a vote of all the students in attendance.

Homecoming provided an outlet for the students to relax and forget about the rigors of school for a while. Everyone in attendance seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.



photo by John Gibson

Larry Station and Holly Zerse take their place as the 1981 Homecoming royalty. They were chosen by a vote of the students at the October 3 dance.



# Many suffer without study halls

"It's not fair to athletes."

This, stated by Central High senior, Katie Holland, seems to sum up quite simply what is wrong with Central's new policy of not scheduling athletes into tenth hour study halls. Started this year, the new policy is causing problems for students, teachers and coaches, and its implementation shows a lack of foresight by the administration.

Last year students who knew they wanted to participate in sports told their counselors in the spring prior to registration, so they would be scheduled into a tenth hour study hall. The purpose of the study hall was to allow athletes to begin practice early and to enable them to go to early scheduled events such as cross country meets and golf matches. This year though, no such consideration was given, and athletes were placed in tenth hour classes as easily as their schedules would allow.

Basically, the new policy poses two major problems. First, athletes cannot begin warm ups or practice until after school. This makes practice time last about an hour later than it did in the past. Secondly, and by far more critical, many students must miss one or two class periods each week to attend events. According to Dr. Gary Thompson, Science Department head, he has had as many as 4 out of thirteen members of his ninth-tenth period A.P. Biology class miss a tenth hour lab because of sports events. "It's really no problem for me," he said, "but those students have to find the time outside of class to make up missed labs."

Mr. David James, Central's cross country coach, reports that the majority of his thirty-some member cross team have tenth hour classes. Mr. James stated, "I am appalled at the administration's insensitivity to athletes' academic endeavors."

He added that it is not just students that suffer. If a coach is scheduled to teach a class tenth hour and must attend an event, he or she must find another teacher to cover the class that day." Mr. James says he has also had teachers complain to him about students missing their classes.

Supposedly the eight Omaha Public High Schools entered a "gentleman's agreement" that none of them would allow students to get out early for sports. Reports vary as to whether this agreement is being kept by all the schools. Regardless of whether all eight schools are following the policy or not, it was a mistake to enter into such an agreement in the first place. OPS belongs to the Metro League along with all other area high schools. The league is responsible for scheduling the starting times for sports events. Because the eight OPS high schools altogether have one vote in the league, they would be automatically outvoted when voting on event times. With knowledge of this beforehand the administrators ought to have realized the problems tenth hour classes would cause for some athletes.

A little advance planning when deciding on the new policy would have been extremely helpful. When asked whether he foresees continuing the new policy next year, assistant principal and athletic director Doug Morrow replied that he does, but with some possible changes. Mr. Morrow feels that teams with afternoon events like golf, cross country and tennis should be given tenth hour study halls but that those with evening events could still be scheduled into tenth hour classes. A plan like that would solve many problems for both the administration and students. It is unfortunate that such a simple alteration to the new policy was not considered for this year.

# CETA good, but could be better

For youth, finding a job, especially a summer job, ranges from difficult to virtually impossible. Often, help available to youth in finding jobs is either too expensive or too little publicized. One program which is fairly well known is the Comprehensive Employment Training Agency (CETA) which, as one of its services, offers jobs and job training for poor youth. Because it is a federally funded program, strict guidelines dictate who is eligible to receive CETA assistance. Soon, budget cuts could drastically cut the number of eligible youth who actually do receive assistance.

CETA provides much more than mere employment. It offers the youth skills he will need for any job he might ever have—things like getting to work on time, how to get along with one's boss and

fellow employees, and how to meet the public. In fact, the programs connected with the Omaha Public Schools, both year around and during the summer, place more emphasis on teaching these skills than on technical skills.

According to an article in the Omaha World-Herald on September 17, President Ronald Reagan would like to see CETA completely eliminated by the fall of 1982. Ola Anderson, local director of CETA, maintained in a Register interview that she does not anticipate that this will come true. However, CETA does face major budget cuts, including a two-thirds cutback effective October 31 of this year. How the youth programs will be specifically affected is uncertain, but their budget will be reduced from

\$910,000 to \$270,000.

The Register supports reducing the CETA program. It is important that government spending and federal control be brought under control.

It would be wise, however, to establish a program on the state or local level which would offer services similar to CETA. Such a program would eliminate some federal spending and also eliminate federal control. The program could then be designed to meet local needs rather than governmental guidelines. Under local control a program could be opened up to a larger, less select group of youth. Thy type of help needed most could be stressed, whether it be actual employment for the youth or simply training to make the youth more employable.

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# Taking the first step

Hats have been tipped, toasts have been sipped, yells have been yipped, and hurras have been hipped to our first-rate football program. Although the team is rightfully the most noteworthy "first" at Central these days, let us take a moment to recognize the various kinds of momentous firsts that have touched the everyday existence of Centralites this fall.

For the first time in eons, students may stride any stairs at Central, regardless of sex. In a physically and emotionally scarring operation, Central's stairs were "neutered" last summer. Sweaty t-shirted surgeons mercilessly ripped the porcelain from the stairs' landings, painfully disconnecting vein-like pipes. The "boys" and "girls" labels at the foot of the steps were the last source of therapy for the recovering staircases. This first "first" inspires yet another first.

My first experience of walking up the previously untouchable boys' stairs happened quite by accident. Out of force of habit, I started the year ascending the school by way of the old girls' stairs. Then one day I was walking with a friend of the male persuasion and suddenly realized I had set foot upon this sacred ground. An eerie feeling of entering a world mirrored to the one I know so well swept through my very soul. While tightly gripping the banister, I somehow managed to get a hold of myself. I arrived on the second floor and walked half-dazed in the opposite direction of my English class.

*'I somehow managed to get a hold of myself'*

And let us not forget the experience of first tripping over that protruding knot that seems to emerge through the floor from out of nowhere. Thousandfold are the victims of the dastardly doorstopper. An attack of the doorstopper results in loss of balance, stumbling, and often times catastrophic plunges to the hard, cold floor. Tenth graders are stricken most often, but many are the juniors and senior labelled "sophomore" while staggering through a doorway.

Yet another first for Central students is their new opportunity to cross from the student parking lot directly to the lower three side entrances without intercepting a fence. A small step for Central students, but a miniscule step for mankind you might say; however, for the first time ever, Central students may challenge themselves to transverse the great ex-practice field mud flats. Those who dare must travel through barren, sun-cracked earth, and journey over deep, dark crevices, in the depths of which lurk ungodly creatures waiting, ever waiting for some unfortunate victim to fall in.

From pigskin pride to murderous mud flats, diverse and numerous first are experienced at Central in the fall of this nineteen hundred and eighty "first" year.

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## Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 10	Columbus Day Parade in downtown Omaha. Central Marching Band and the Eaglettes will participate. Starts at 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, October 17	ACT testing at Central from 8:00 to noon.
Saturday, October 17	Wisner-Pilger band competition in Wisner-Pilger NE. Central Marching Band and the Eaglettes will participate.
Monday, October 19	Omaha Education Association Board meeting at Lewis and Clark Jr. High School, 69th and Burt Streets, at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 27	PSAT/NMSQT testing for juniors. Given during school hours. Determines semi-finalists and finalists the National Merit Scholarships.
Wednesday, October 28	End of first quarter.
Thursday and Friday, October 29 & 30	Teachers' Convention
Friday, October 30	Due date for registration for the SAT and Achievement Tests.

## SAT review makes test score better

Recently students have been offered SAT review sessions which are sponsored by the Assistance League of Omaha. The sessions are designed to help test anxiety and familiarize the student with the test format, according to Dr. Patrick Salerno, head of South High's English department and teacher of the verbal part of the sessions.

Dr. Salerno said the **Barons College Entrance Examine** booklet is the basis for the format of the sessions. The student pays a fee of \$20 and attends four three-hour sessions. Dr. Herb Penner, head of Benson's math department, will teach the math part of the sessions which will begin on October 12 at 6 p.m. at Burke High School. Students should contact their counselor for further information.

## Band togetherness is great friends, ideas

Walking through the halls of Central, one might notice that certain people are dressed in sailor suits. These people are not Navy recruiters. These are Central students. These are not ordinary students, however. These are members of the Central High School Marching Band.

Central's band is more than just 75 people whose job it is to entertain at halftime of the football games. The band is a "closely-knit group" according to senior John Gibson, president of the band. John added, "the members of the band have become good friends as a result of being together for so long." He added that most of the members of this year's band have been together for at least three years and that some have played together for more than their years at Central.

The band seems to be influenced by past bands. Senior Cara Franke, the drum major of the band, stated that "two years ago, the seniors in the band started some crazy traditions which we have tried to uphold." Cara also mentioned that while trying to uphold this spirit, this year's band is also striving for its own unique ideas. Senior Marty Johnson agreed, adding, "We take silly ideas and make them fun."

Another factor in the unity of the band is the presence of a strong director. The band had had four directors in the three years prior to 1979. In September of 1979, Mr. Warren Ferrel took control of the band and, in the words of senior Todd Schuerman, "has helped to tighten things up."

### "We make silly ideas fun!"

The band puts in a lot of time and effort to prepare for their performances, according to Mr. Ferrel. Mr. Ferrel commented that the band rehearses four days a week from 7:15 to 9:00 in the morning at Kellom Elementary School.

This hard work has paid an early dividend for the band. The Central High School Marching Band took first place in the Septemberfest contest held during the Labor Day weekend. This was the first time that Central had won a band contest according to the members of the band and they hope to build from this victory.

The leadership of the band seems to come from the senior members according to John Gibson. Nearly one half of the band's membership comes from the senior class. The band officers, in addition to John and Cara are Alan Higley, vice-president; Julie Garrett, treasurer; and Sue Kokrda, secretary. All of these students are seniors.

The band members are planning trips throughout the year to participate in contests. On Saturday, October 17, the band will travel to Wisner-Pilger, Nebraska for a marching band contest. The possibility of a long trip this spring has been discussed, but band members declined to elaborate on the plan pending further decisions by the leaders of the band and Mr. Ferrel.

To help defer the cost of these trips, band members will work on fund raisers. Candy sales and a pancake feed are possibilities, according to the band officers.

Summing things up, Cara Franke stated the theme of the 1981-82 Central Marching Band. "When it's time to work, we work harder. When it's time to play, we play harder."

### Registered Opinions

## Central shows spirit through football, involvement, care, teachers, friends

Central students seem to possess a lot of that feeling called school spirit. The **Register** asked several Central students what they felt school spirit was, and why they felt there was so much of it at Central.



**JoJo Collins, junior:**  
"School spirit? It's a feeling of togetherness, a working toward one goal—like at our football games, everyone cheers. We have so much spirit because everyone here is friendly and cares about everybody else. That's what Central is—one big family."



**Erin Keenan, senior:**  
"School spirit to me is getting together with your friends and having a good time. We have good teachers here and all my friends are at Central, so it's a really good feeling. Since I am an Eaglette, I have the chance to participate in spirit, and it's really nice."

**Bill Harris, senior:**  
"School spirit is our football team, cause they're doing so well. That's really what's happening with my school spirit."



**Shawn Rosenbaum, sophomore:**  
"School spirit is getting involved in activities. That's why Central has so much spirit—everyone gets involved in school."

## Staff works behind the scenes: making of a student newspaper

The Central High **Register** appears in homerooms every few Fridays, where it is distributed to holders of Student Activity cards.

The **Register** does not just "appear," however. Every issue is the result of the hard work of a staff of 24 seniors.

The work of this year's staff really began in the spring of 1980, when all the sophomores who wished to be enrolled in one of the next year's Journalism I classes had to apply. Once the student was accepted, he or she had to take the class in order to be eligible for a **Register** or **O-Book** staff position.

Journalism I involves learning the various writing techniques that are used in journalistic writings, the basics of layout (how the stories and pictures are fitted onto a page), and the many things involved in putting together a newspaper or yearbook.

In May of this year, all students who had taken the course and had passed it were invited by Mr. T.M. Gaherty, journalism adviser, to apply for the different positions on the staff. After much consideration, Mr. Gaherty chose Kate Shugrue as the editor of the **Register**.

Kate, as editor, organizes the staff and the stories in each issue. She leads "story sessions," which are times when the staff discusses possible story ideas. She helps assign stories to different writers, and, when the stories are completed, she and the executive editor, Mark Juretic, assign the stories to different pages.

The **Register** also has a business department, which handles all the advertising in the paper. Alan Higley, business manager, is basically in charge of that area of the paper.

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Merit Semi-finalists (standing, l. to r.) Debra Peirce, Dave VanMetre, Aaron Kaslow, Frank Peterkin, Diane Adcock; (seated, l. to r.) Rick Chamberlain, Brad Emanuel, Terrie Owens.

## Hopping hobby holds happiness for Keenan

Many don't know it, but Mr. John Keenan, English teacher has a very interesting hobby. Mr. Keenan has been raising rabbits for about thirteen years. He said that a former student gave him the idea of raising rabbits, and the idea stuck.

Mr. Keenan spends about an hour each night feeding and caring for the animals. He commented that it takes a special type of person to raise rabbits, someone with patience who doesn't mind being tied down with responsibility to the animals.

Checkered Giants are the breed of rabbit that Mr. Keenan currently raises. Right now he has fifteen rabbits in his possession.

He also enters about seven or eight competitions each year. "These competitions aren't too far away," said Mr. Keenan. "I usually try to stay in a 200 mile radius, so that I can make it there and back in one day."

Recently, Mr. Keenan won a prize for second best rabbit or best opposite sex in a Western Iowa show.

In a show, the rabbits are judged usually on the condition of the overall rabbit and on some of the various markings found on the rabbit.

The cost of raising a rabbit can vary depending on what the

owner wants to do with it. Right now, it costs about ten dollars a year to feed a rabbit, but "if you plan to compete, it will run into more money," said Mr. Keenan.

"When competing," said Mr. Keenan, "there is the cost of gas to travel to the shows and lodging if it is an overnight trip. Also, there are entry fees charged for each rabbit you plan to enter—about \$1.50 for each rabbit." Mr. Keenan usually enters from five to ten rabbits, depending on the show.

"Prizes may vary from show to show," said Mr. Keenan, "but a trophy or money are usually the prizes."

Mr. Keenan now keeps the rabbits in a lot adjacent to his home. "The lot is enclosed with an electric fence to protect the animals from other animals and from people who might harm the rabbits," said Mr. Keenan.

Currently, Mr. Keenan is a member of the Nebraska Checkered Giants Club and The American Rabbit Breeders Association. He added that a person need not be a member of an organization in order to compete with his rabbits.

Mr. Keenan concluded that raising rabbits is a good hobby. "It offers a challenge and it enables the breeder to meet people from other towns and ways of living."

## 8 Merit Semi-finalists are most in Nebraska

Early last month, eight Central seniors were summoned to the office of Central principal Dr. G.E. Moller. There they were told that they were among the 130 of Nebraska's Merit Scholarship Semi-finalists.

Diane Adcock, Richard Chamberlain, Brad Emanuel, Aaron Kaslow, Terrie Owens, Debra Peirce, Frank Peterkin, and Dave VanMetre are the semi-finalists from Central, the largest Merit group in the state, according to Mr. Dan Daly, head of Central's English department. Creighton Prep, Westside, and Burke high schools, with enrollments similar to or larger than Central's, have seven, six, and five semi-finalists respectively.

In order to be eligible for the semi-finalist standing, said Diane Adcock, a student had to take the

PSAT-NMSQT test in October of 1980. The test consisted of two sections. One was math and the other verbal. Each section is scored on a scale that ranged from 20 at the bottom to 80 at the top.

The student's score on the test was computed. Then a composite score of twice the English score plus the math score was figured. This year, students in Nebraska had to have a composite score of 190 or better in order to be named semi-finalists, said Miss Irene Eden, guidance director at Central.

The eight commended students, students who scored in the top five percent of the test takers but below Semi-finalist standing, are Cheryl Barnes, Mark Durham, John Gibson, Rick Haggart, Jeff Jezewski, Mark Juretic, Rob Rose, and Ted Szczepanski.

## Civilization dead, says new movie

Where does a teenager from Omaha look when he needs to make a statement, forge an identity, establish independence, rebel, revolt or defy? Not to incite that the youth of Omaha are radically ripping down walls in protest of political issues, social establishments, or anything, for that matter. An incination like that might be laughed at. Nevertheless, it's characteristic of teenagers to, in some degree, oppose or alienate themselves from the standard established social or moral codes.

What might all this have to do with the punk rock phenomenon? Well, punk rock has its roots in London and New York. When punk rock first began to take hold in America many considered it already dead. In other places it's a lingering fad, often mellowed to the point of being slurred with "new wave," or recognized as some "freaked out" dress code. But in Los Angeles, punk rock is violent, aggressive, loud, frightening, and very much alive. Los

Angeles is probably the only major center of real hardcore "punks." Even that fragrant of the populace couldn't be more than 500, according to Laurel Leff of *The Wall Street Journal*.

A documentary, produced by Penelope Spheeris, called "The Decline of Western Civilization," depicts the phenomenon that has been termed "the most important youth movement of the past decade"—punk rock. The film includes Los Angeles bands such as: Black Flag, Germs, Catholic Discipline, X, Circle Jerks, Alice Bag Band, and Fear. Interviews with the band members, fans, club owners, and magazine writers are also included. "The Decline of Western Civilization" presents the ideals and issues of the entire punk subculture, which includes more than merely unconventional music and clothing. Punk is an attitude—an attitude of these youths' view of the "outside."

"The Decline of Western Civilization" neither glorifies nor

condemns its subject but objectively answers the question of why punk rock exists. Murr Frymer of the *San Jose Mercury*, sees no significance in performances where outrage is expressed more by an animalistic vibrancy, than by the words. "To be young is to feel outrage and this is certainly a world deserving of it. But that doesn't make punk rock take on any importance as form of expression."

Important or not, punk rock exists, and "The Decline of Western Civilization" exists for anyone who is interested in forming his own opinions about the punk rock phenomenon.

"The Decline of Western Civilization," will be shown as a special limited engagement premiere at the Admiral Theatre on 144 South 40th St. The film will be shown October 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, and 24 at midnight on both Friday and Saturday nights. Tickets are \$3.00 at the door and \$2.50 in advance. Advance tickets are on sale at both Homers locations in Omaha and Dirt Cheap in Lincoln.

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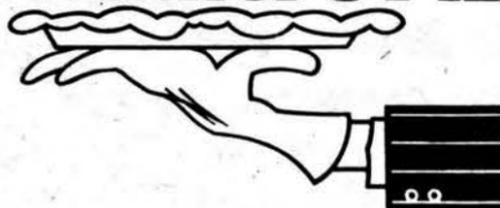
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# Journey rocks live; fans enjoy 'Escape'

by Sue Srb

Feelings of intense excitement fell over the crowd when the houselights dimmed. As the tension mounted, the lights turned directly onto the five members of the band. It was clear to see that the 11,500 fans at the Civic Auditorium September 21 were anticipating another high energy concert by Journey.

Journey, a San Francisco-based band, gave the crowd just what they expected. Playing for an hour and a half, the band mainly plugged their new album, "Escape," playing such tracks as "Stone In Love," "Keep On Runnin'," and the title track. The band also played some of its earlier material, with songs such as "Where Were You," "The Party's Over," and "Lights."

Throughout the show, lead singer Steve Perry ran across practically every inch of the large black and red stage, wearing faded blue jeans, a leopard print shirt, Nike tennis shoes, and a black swallow-tailed coat. Although he often jumped around enthusiastically, encouraging the

crowd to clap and sway along with his direction, he never missed a note. Neal Schon played a fine lead guitar along with Ross Valory on bass. Steve Smith played excellent drums and even changed the pace of the concert with a drum solo.

Newcomer Jonathan Cain, (replacing previous keyboardist Gregg Rolie) played keyboards and rhythm guitar with expertise, adding a new flavor to the band. These aspects helped the group to put out an incredible amount of clear sound, free from echoes and bad distortion.

Following their final song, "Wheel in the Sky," the group ended the concert with one explosive encore, singing "Lovin', Touchin', Squeezin'," and "Any Way You Want It."

The Michael Stanley Band opened the show, playing basic rock and roll with general overtones of Bruce Springsteen and The Doobie Brothers. The band's only national hit was the song "He Can't Love You" which earned the group one encore.

Frustrated hands grope around perplexing puzzle. Photo by Ted Szczepanski

## Cube captivates campus

We may be entering the space-age yet. It's beyond commonplace to see a chemistry class filled with students punching out their test answers on a "TI-30." But you know things are really getting out of hand when you see people engrossed in twisting and turning a multicolored cube. The cubes come in many different sizes, but they all have in common the spell-binding effect of holding a person captivated for hours.

What is this intriguing device? It's a Rubik's cube, designed by Erno Rubik, an architect and teacher in Budapest, Hungary. He designed it as an aid to his students in recognizing spatial relationships in three dimensions.

The cube has become a rage spreading all over the world; so it's not surprising that it has made its presence known in our very own halls of Central.

Miss Virginia Lee Pratt, head of the math department, has spent hours and hours trying to solve the cube. "One night I really thought I had it. I think I was thinking about it in my sleep, but I haven't solved it yet."

John Gibson and Brad Emanuel, seniors, have both completed the cube. John claims he has solved it twice, "with a little bit of luck." Brad finds the puzzle a frustrating challenge. "I got it once in homeroom by accident. The people sitting around me couldn't believe it."

Thad Ware, a junior, holds a speedy record of completing the cube in one minute and forty-five seconds. "I cheated," Thad reveals, "I read the book." The book, **The Simple Solution to Rubik's Cube**, by James G. Nourse, presents simplified steps that one can memorize in order to quickly attain the solution. Well, not too quickly. The cube, according to Nourse's book, has slightly more than 43 quintillion arrangements possible for all 20 moveable cubes. In order to get perspective of how big 43 quintillion is, the national debt in pennies is "only" 100 trillion. The age of the universe in seconds is thought to be only about 5 quintillion.

There's little doubt these fascinating little cubes are for anyone who enjoys a real "puzzle."

## Video fever infects citizens

Whoosh! Beep! You fire at the alien spacecraft and it explodes. Suddenly, heavy footsteps sound menacingly behind you as the wizard and some hideous monsters finish negotiating the perilous maze. You are caught between them and the aliens.

Science fiction? The latest episode in the "Star Wars" saga? A bad dream? No, this scene is not from any of those things. Wizards, monsters, and alien spacecraft are parts of what may be the nation's hottest fad: video games.

Electronic games such as Pac-Man, Space Invaders, and Gorf are popping up even in supermarkets lately as more and more people from all walks of life are joining in on the latest craze. Many different companies manufacture a wide variety of games, which are all a part of the growing coin-operated amusement industry.

H-Z Vending and Sales of Omaha sells video games. According to one of their employees, new games are coming onto the market almost constantly in order to keep up with the demand.

"We handle as many games as we can get our hands on," he added.

A worker at Gizmo's, "the first and probably still the biggest" amusement arcade in Omaha, said that he feels that video games are probably the biggest fad in the country. He also said that a variety of people are playing the games Gizmo's offers.

"You see businessmen on their lunch hours, and kids come in here after school. On the weekends, families come out. You see just about everyone in here playing games."

Though "everyone" is playing electronic games, they are paying a lot of money for that

privilege. Central senior Shelly Graber said that she spends about six dollars a week on video games. "That money isn't really during the week," she said. "Most of it goes in two days—on the weekends!"

Amusement arcades are not the only places that games are found now, he added

"You go to Safeway, you see games. When you go to Kwik Shops and laundromats, you see games. They're just about everywhere."

Of all the games on the market, Pac-Man is probably the most popular, said the man at Gizmo's. In this game, the player must try to make his "man", a big yellow dot, eat all the smaller dots on the board before the big dot runs into a monster. One continues playing until he has lost all three "men."

The people who play Pac-Man have become so familiar with the game that they know the patterns to follow on the board to win.

"You learn from other people," a Gross High School freshman said as he expertly cleared the board. "If you don't watch and learn, you're stupid."

Why the people who play video games do so can really only be answered by those who play them.

Perhaps the man who works at Gizmo's said it best.

"People get addicted," he said. "They try to beat the electronics and just get hooked. They come in three or four times a week and play."

He laughed and added, "I'm an addict, too."

Video games may be the latest fad, but they are also dangerous. They are habit-forming. But don't worry about it—your health will be all right as long as you don't try to fight aliens for real.

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# Moller outlines plan for student parking

Central students who normally park in the student lot leased from Joslyn have been informed they may not be able to park there after November 1. The lease with Joslyn expires at that time, and the museum has declined to renew it.

However, there is a valid reason for Joslyn's apparent rudeness. According to Mr. Al LaGreca, Central assistant principal, the reason that Central students probably won't be able to park in the Joslyn lot anymore is because that land may soon be part of Central's new practice field.

Dr. G.E. Moller, principal of Central High, elaborated on this. "Negotiations with Joslyn about land for a new practice field have been going on for years," he said. "Finally, earlier this year, the Joslyn board of directors decided not to trade or sell any land to Central for a practice field."

### Practice field

Dr. Moller continued, "The Omaha Public School system then announced they would go ahead with plans to build a practice field at Central. However, the field would be smaller than originally planned and would run north and south on land already owned by Central." This apparently upset some Joslyn officials. Dr. Moller theorized that the thought of a practice field so close to Joslyn's east entrance might have disturbed some important Joslyn officials. "In any case, Joslyn reopened negotiations with OPS; the result is that we're 90 per cent sure that we'll be able to build our practice field running east and west," Dr. Moller stated.

Unfortunately, the new plans for the practice field will disrupt student parking. Dr. Moller hopes that some arrangement can be worked out whereby Central students can continue to park in the current student lot (provided Central does acquire it) until construction begins—probably sometime next spring.

### Possible solutions?

If that plan is not possible, Central student parking may temporarily move to the empty lot on the northeast corner of 22nd and Davenport. Apartment houses previously there were torn down over the summer, and OPS plans to eventually pave the lot for use as faculty parking space. If necessary, however, the lot will be temporarily surfaced with crushed rock and used for student parking.

A third alternative for student parking would be the old E-Z parking lot on Davenport Street directly north of Central. This lot is currently being used as faculty parking, but some students may be allowed to park there.

"We really aren't sure at this point what the parking arrangement will be," Dr. Moller concluded. He admitted that student parking may be scarce after November, but he added, "When all of this construction is done, we should have a great deal more parking than we do now."



The football heads show off their unique apparel. This spirited group makes an appearance at each football game.

# Football heads invade CHS

If you are a dedicated Central football fan, or if you tend to notice oddly clad people, then you have probably noticed a group of wild Central fans with footballs on their heads at each game. They refer to themselves as the fraternity TKD at Central. Their purpose, as Central senior Jim Gould put it, "If our football team is going to be number one, the fans have got to be number one too!"

Chris Mills, Central senior, is credited with the idea of the hats by all the seniors of the club. "I knew we had to do something crazy at the games this year, and the football hats just seemed like the thing to do!" commented Chris. The hats are simply old footballs from around the house that have been cut to the desired fit of whoever is going to wear

them. At the Central vs. Creighton Prep football game the group wore spray-painted sheets like togas to match their hats.

There are mixed opinions about these spirited seniors. Mrs. Marlene Bernstein, Central English teacher, remarked, "I think it's great; you just can't buy spirit. Central needs all we can get!" Mr. Kevin Moran, counselor at Central, expressed a slightly different opinion. "I think it's stupid." Mrs. Gerry Zerse, also a counselor at Central, commented, "Every year there's a group that acts like that, and this year, that's the group that acts like that!" Julie Kully, Central senior and cheerleader, emphasized, "I love it; this year the crowd has to get rowdy at the games, and it's something different." Terry Huey, Central senior, exclaimed, "I think

those guys are nuts, but I don't care. I've never heard of them." Mr. M. Scot Pickering, Central senior and member, explained throughout the year, "Central is known as too much of an 'academic school.' If we were to be good at football, we'd have to be great at craziness!" Amidst the support and criticism, other seniors can expect more in store for the future. According to Chris, "Basketball hats are in the ball season game plan. Betsy Simon, Central senior member, spoke out for the matter, and that sums it all up."

# Ladies work hard to prepare meals

How many multitudes of times have you climbed those forsaken steps to the cafeteria? How often do you race (perhaps mosey) to get a jump on the massive, quick-forming lines that the cafeteria is notorious for? Count the times you have indulged yourself at the noon-time break without ever giving a single thought to the hard-working ladies that make things click at breakfast and lunch. There are fourteen, not including several reliable substitutes, high-spirited, energetic ladies that would do just about anything for the kids at Central, and for the most part, they aren't given a second thought.

Georgia Ehlers, chief organizer of the entire operation, is in her twenty-fourth year as a cafeteria employee. She has been with Central for eight years. Mrs. Ehlers arrives at Central everyday at 7:00 a.m. (Most Centralites are lucky if they're up that early.) At around 2:30 p.m. the crew closes up shop for the day. Mrs. Ehlers is usually working until 3:00 p.m. When asked about her job, Mrs.

Ehlers exclaimed, "I enjoy the kids; of course, the paycheck is great too!"

The first few weeks are always the most difficult in the cafeteria department. There have also been more budget cuts pertaining to school lunches this year. Jean Thrasher, cashier, commented, "The worst problem we have is the kids with negative attitudes. So many are sarcastic about the quality. We are only serving what the castle allows us to serve." Among the entire crew, the consensus seems to be that teens are a definite challenge. "Swiping of food is probably our biggest problem here," reported Mrs. Thrasher. Mrs. Betty Coco, cashier at breakfast and lunch, explained, "For the most part the

kids are fun to work with." Mrs. Coco has worked at Central for five years.

Another big plus this year, according to Mrs. Ehlers, is that all items on the menu at lunch and breakfast are a la carte. This is to say that any item can be purchased alone or in any combination with other items.

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## Girls' golf undefeated season. . . with pro coach

Girls' golf is "the only sport that is totally dependent on the individual," reflected Mr. Edward McDaniel, girls' golf coach. No other sport has lost such a claim.

In football, teams play on regulation size with regulation goal posts at each end. In an individual sport such as tennis can not be played on anything other than regulation courts.

Each golf course is different. Your success on that golf course depends on you," commented Coach McDaniel. Success for the girls' team resulted from a lot of hard work.

The team compiled a 9-0 record in the regular season. The girls play just as well in invitational meets. The last match, the Duchesne Invitational was held under dark clouds and light rain conditions. The team captured second place. Only one stroke separated Central's girls from first place Ryan High School.

The team consists of Seniors Betsy Boyle, Lisa Walker, Jennifer Fangman, Junior Kylie Kremer, Sophomore Leslie Bowen, and Freshman Susan Gaffney.

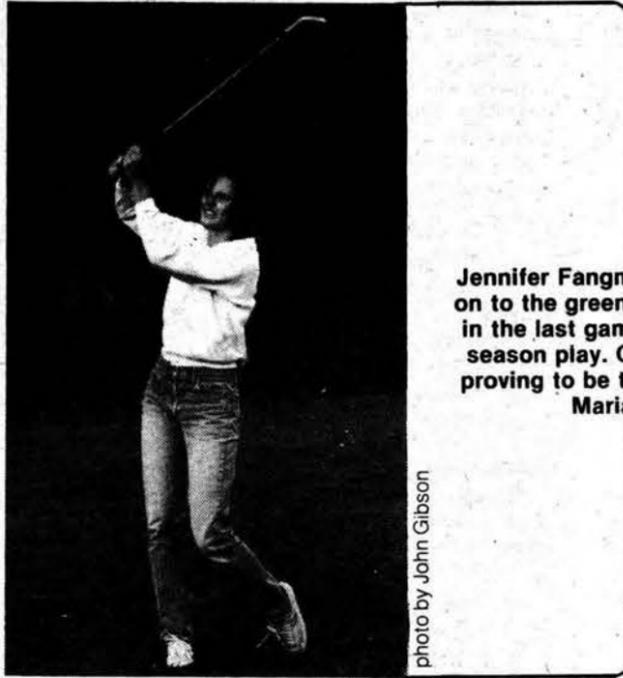
The girls didn't recognize how good they were until the Duchesne Invitational," emphasized Mr. McDaniel. "The poor little darlings were complaining (from the day-long shower), but they didn't complain."

Central's Betsy Boyle won the individual title in a field with 71 other girls. "I was totally hooked!" exclaimed Betsy about her first-place finish. Other metro teams had best beware, because according to Lisa Walker, "We showed them we were somebody."

Mr. McDaniel played with the three seniors Betsy, Jennifer, and Lisa on various courses throughout the summer. They not only played on various courses, but on several occasions walked the courses. According to Mr. McDaniel the purpose of familiarizing oneself with the different courses is "to know exactly what to hit from every place on the golf course."

These three girls put in a lot of hard work, but it was time well spent. "Betsy, Lisa, and Jennifer gave up a lot of their time and now they see why I pushed them," said Mr. McDaniel.

Betsy, also a strong tennis player, knows how much Coach McDaniel can push. "After



Jennifer Fangman chipping on to the green at Elmwood in the last game of regular season play. Central won, proving to be too much for Marian.

photo by John Gibson

tennis season was over we practiced every other day after school," commented Betsy. Mr. McDaniel lauds Betsy as his first and only true student-athlete.

Jennifer Fangman was a surprise this year. Mr. McDaniel commented, "Jennifer's play improved more than anyone else's this summer." She is also on the tennis team. Coach McDaniel attributes her better play in part to the excellent hand-eye coordination gained while playing tennis.

"Dedicated to hard work" describes Lisa Walker, according to Mr. McDaniel. Her contribution to the team is just as important as every other girl's. Although golf is an individual sport, team work is a vital aspect.

Although the girls are dedicated to hard work, Mr. McDaniel revealed, "The girls' have a tremendous amount of fun. When practice starts they are serious." This serious note is what Coach McDaniel hopes will take the team all the way to the state championship.

### Football

## Baby Eagles fly high

The Junior Varsity football team, led by split end Tony Fagan, who had three touchdowns, won its third straight game by defeating Omaha Gross, 30-27, in a hard-fought game.

With temperatures in the mid 80's, neither teams' defense seemed to be able to stop the other's offense. The momentum of the game changed hands up until the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Gross took a 27-24 lead on a touchdown score with three minutes remaining. Central then mounted a final game winning drive, with Tim Cook concluding the drive with a 45 yard touchdown run.

Mr. Gary Kubik, J.V. football coach, said, "It was one of those games that whoever had the ball last, with enough time, would win. After they (Gross) scored with three minutes left, I knew our team could win the game."

Though Gross scored 27 points against the J.V. defense, Coach Kubik cited the play of defensive end Chris Shaw, who had an interception and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown.

While Central's Varsity and Junior Varsity football teams continue to add to their impressive records, a lesser known team at Central has been quietly seeking and destroying opposing teams throughout the city. The name of the team gives the impression of a group that is always ready for a battle. It is the Reserves.

The Reserve football team, coached by Mr. Bobby Bass, former UNO starting running back, has compiled a 4-0 record and a composite score of 114-2 against opposing teams.

The last two victims of the Reserve football team were Omaha Gross, whom the Reserves defeated 14-0, and Omaha Creighton Prep, who were destroyed 42-0, by the Reserves.

In the game against Gross the Reserves found the going rough as the Cougars shut out Central's offense for the first three quarters.

However, in the fourth quarter, the Reserves offense finally got on track and scored 14 points, including a 22-yard touchdown reception by Glenn Matthews.

Against Creighton Prep, a sudden rain only delayed until the next day Prep's fate. The Eagles made easy prey out of the Blue-jays.

Randy Darrow, who scored three touchdowns, and Rod Hauck, who scored on an interception return, led the Eagles in their overwhelming victory over Prep.

## Gymnastics in need of more girls

The Central High girls' gymnastics squad opened its season with a convincing victory against Millard South 110-59. According to first year coach Rick Matsunami, the meet proved "that the girls definitely show good potential." The team, however, is "short on numbers," he added. Made up of four returning letter earners, senior captain Kim Haller, Laura Dickinson, and Jackie Slezak the

team also has a secret weapon, freshman Kris Houlton.

"Kris," says Mr. Matsunami, "is the best all-arounder on the team." In fact, against Millard South, Kris won the all-around competition and also came away with three new school records. These records came in the all-around competition with a score of 34.7, the balance beam (8.6),

and the uneven parallel bars with a mark of 8.65.

Although the girls made a strong showing, Coach Matsunami stressed, "In order to keep up with the top teams in the state, we're going to need a few more girls on the team." He added, "We've got good talent but no real depth, and depth is very important in gymnastics."

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**Tony Felici**, 1978 graduate, now plays football for U.N.L. Tony gained a starting position at defensive end for the Huskers after putting in an outstanding performance in the Nebraska-Florida State game in Lincoln, Sept. 19.

The San Diego Padres drafted 1977 graduate **Mark Gillaspie**. Mark played in the College World Series here in Omaha last spring for Mississippi State University.

Sue Leuschen  
On  
the  
Sidelines



## Baseball coach at full count

Baseball, hot dogs, and apple pie are American traditions. At Central the hot dogs fare is typical sublime cafeteria food and the apple pie is an extra treat. As for baseball, this summer Central's program has become the center of controversy.

Each summer the American Legion sponsors a baseball league for high school players. This summer the Legion sent Nebraska Federal, alias Creighton Prep, to the national tournament. They also sent Central Coach Chris Kenny to the showers.

On July 21, the bubble burst. The temperature reached 103 degrees. The Budweisers lost 10-0. "The team was not playing like they should. There were a lot of mistakes," according to Mr. Kenny. The players were supposed to run after the game. Five 100-yard sprints were run because there was no first base coach in the game. During the spring season the team had run for the same reason. One player had refused and turned in his uniform then. This type of running is a common occurrence in almost every sport.

In football, Coach William Reed gives his players a three page statement on the do's and don'ts if they want to play. If a player refuses to do something that one of the football coaches asks him to then Coach Reed emphasized, "There is no discussion, the player is automatically dismissed from the squad."

Hot and tired, the baseball players were unwilling to run the extra laps. Jim Callahan, one of the Budweiser players, became the first to refuse to run. Mr. Kenny's policy throughout the spring and summer seasons was either work with the team or turn in your uniform. The egging on by a Westside parent spurred another player into refusing. The parent went as far as calling Mr. Kenny a 'Little Caesar.' The other player was 1981 graduate Pat Timmons. Jim and Pat turned in their uniforms as well as Pat's younger brother Rick Timmons, a Central senior.

### Are shorts underwear?

Pat, Tim, and Rick relinquished their uniforms before leaving the ball park. The opposing parent apparently upset by the action called the American Legion Commissioner Joe Cupich and the Budweiser's sponsor Mr. Roy Feltman. According to Mr. Cupich, the parent told Mr. Feltman and Mr. Cupich that "the boys turned in their suits and went home in their shorts." Mr. Feltman was unavailable for comment; however **Omaha World Herald** reports concur.

Mr. Cupich and Mr. Feltman believed the players went home in their shorts, as in underwear. Actually, all the team members wear regular gym-like shorts under their uniforms.

Upon hearing the players were sent home inappropriately dressed, Mr. Feltman dismissed Mr. Kenny as Budweiser's coach. According to Mr. Cupich, American Legion Commissioner for Omaha Post No. 1, there are no set guidelines for sponsorship. The Legion only administers rules for playing baseball. All rules of conduct apply during a game, not afterwards.

Commissioner Cupich commented, "Mr. Feltman hired Mr. Kenny, it was his prerogative to dismiss him." Mr. Cupich heard from several of the parties involved. "I was contacted by the A.D. (Athletic Director) down at Central, Mr. Morrow, about the situation."

Mr. Douglas Morrow, assistant principal and athletic director, refused to comment on the incident this summer and denied having contact with either an American Legion official or the sponsor, Capitol Liquor Inc. Mr. Morrow did reply, "Central has nothing to do with it (the dismissal), it is all in the hands of Budweiser."

Dr. G.E. Moller, principal, agreed that Central has no control over privately sponsored teams. "Any change of status occurring this past summer that happened between Mr. Feltman and Mr. Kenny is solely between them."

"The thing that upsets me the most," replied Mr. Kenny, "is the way it all was handled. The turnover was improperly made." Mr. Pat Hammond took over as coach of the Budweisers at Mr. Kenny's suggestion.

### What next?

Will Mr. Kenny be coaching baseball this spring for Central? As of press time Dr. Moller knew of no changes in the coaching staff. Mr. Morrow hinted at a replacement but only revealed that Mr. Kenny is still a candidate for the position.

Among those offered the job is a teacher here at Central, whose name was given to at least one spirit organization. The prospective coach, who asked to remain nameless, revealed he had no desire to coach baseball at the present time. "This is a very delicate issue with a lot of personalities involved," stated the candidate.

## Calendar

football	cross country	volleyball
Oct. 15 J.V. vs. Burke 4:00p.m. at Burke Reserve vs. Burke 4:00p.m. at Bergquist	Oct. 6 Northwest-Benson 4:00p.m. at N.W.	Oct. 13 Burke 6:15p.m. at Burke
Oct. 16 Varsity vs. Burke 7:30p.m. at Burke	Oct. 9 Metro 4:30p.m. at Elmwood	Oct. 15 Gross 6:15p.m. at Central
Oct. 22 J.V. vs. Bellevue West 4:00p.m. at B.W. Reserve vs. Bellevue West 4:00p.m. at Bergquist	Oct. 16 Boys' Districts 4:30p.m. at B.W.	Oct. 22 South 6:15p.m. at Central
Oct. 23 Varsity vs. Millard South 7:30p.m. at U.N.O.	Oct. 17 Missouri Valley Invitational for girls only	girls' golf
Oct. 30 Varsity vs. Thomas Jefferson	Oct. 23 State at Kearney	Oct. 15 State to be announced
	boys' tennis	gymnastics
	Oct. 15 State to be announced	Oct. 13 Burke 7:00p.m. at Central

# Boys' Tennis on winning streak prepares for state

The Boys' tennis team has aced its way to a 7-2 record while sharpening up for the Metro and State tennis tournaments.

The tennis team recently had a six-game winning streak snapped by Millard South, one of the top teams in the state.

Tom Backer and Bob Ptacek posted Central's only wins in the Eagles 7-2 loss against Millard South.

Mr. John Waterman, boys' tennis coach, said, "Some of the kids were kind of psyched out against Millard. They (Millard South) have a couple of top-ranked players, which may have caused some of our players to go into the thinking they couldn't play on the same level as them."

The loss against Millard South does not take away from the boys' tennis team's spectacular season up to this point. Central's wins include 9-0 victories over Omaha Tech and Bellevue East, 5-4 victories over Omaha Creighton Prep and Omaha Gross, and a 7-2 victory over Omaha South.

Coach Waterman also commented that his ace in the hole will stay in the hole.

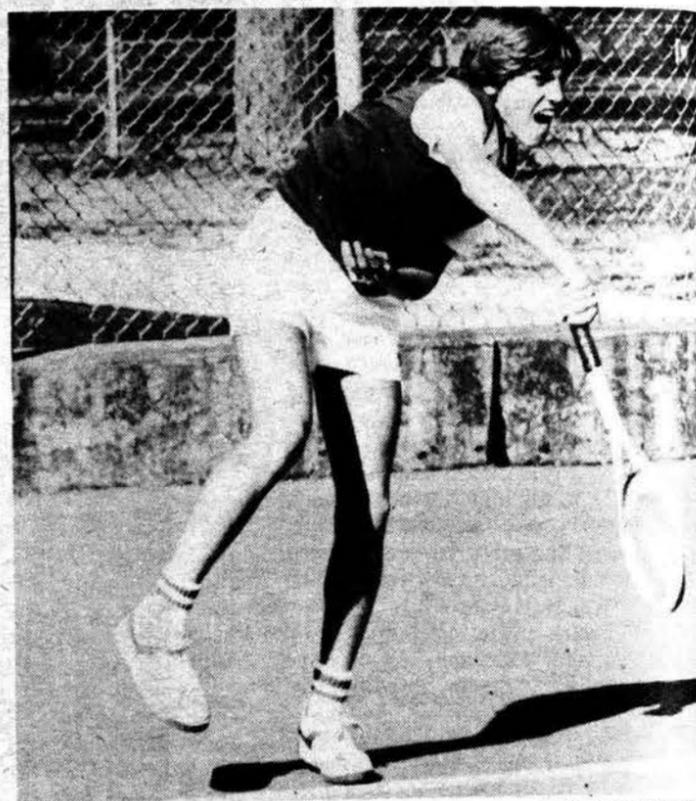


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Dave Foster musters all his energy in serving this point. Central went on to defeat Gross, 5-4.

## Sneak preview reveals tough schedule

The Eagles now 4-1 are at the midway point of the football season with only four games left to play. A glance at the up and coming schedule with Coach William Reed reveals that no opponent will be taken lightly.

Roncalli, tonight, will be the opener of the second half of the season. Coach Reed feels that on the surface they are as good a team as anybody else. "They are probably as good as the other teams we have played."

The October 16 game against Burke will be the "championship of the public schools," according to Coach Reed. This will be another pivotal game for the Eagles. The Bulldogs will have met up with stiff competition from Ralston and Creighton Prep before Central gets its chance.

Watch for Senior Victor Breakfield, Burke running back, to do some fancy footwork. Victor has already broken school rushing records earlier this season.

Next on the schedule is Millard South. Central's rivalry with this team is strong. The Eagles have yet to beat them. Coach Reed commented, "This will be a bitter game. Last year they hurt Daryle Duncan and there is a lot of resentment."

The last game of the season will be played across the bridge in Council Bluffs against Thomas Jefferson. "T.J. moved the ball well against Prep, better than we did," said Coach Reed. They also are not to be taken lightly. According to Coach Reed, "You never know what plays will come up in the last game of the year." That is also true for Central.

## Coaches' comment

**Mr. William Reed**, football: "A lot of negative things began the week before the Prep game, like explaining reasons for getting out early at 3:00 p.m. The week ended with Homecoming plans being diminished and one player being hurt in a freak accident. The overall pressure of the Prep game proved too much. The result, we lost. Some of the kids are feeling the pressures. Not everybody is handling it as well as they could. We do have positive input from student body and most of the staff that let us know we are doing a good job."

**Mr. Dave James**, cross country: "Both the boys' and the girls' team are progressing and improving. Hopefully, they will be able to peak at the right time at the end of the season."

**Mr. Kent Friesen**, boys gymnastics: "The boys are improving more than expected. Many of

them are giving outstanding performances, led by Terry Houlton."

**Mr. Edward McDaniel**, girls' golf: "One girl can not carry the golf team. It must be all five of the girls maximizing their talents and efforts to win."

**Mr. Stan Standifer**, volleyball: "Central volleyball is looking forward to the rest of the season and

hopefully we can make a rebound and be a solid team by the districts come along."

**Mr. John Waterman**, boys' tennis: "We've now won six in a row. Things right now are going smoothly. Hopefully, the momentum will continue into Metro State."

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